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Scout Group

**Annual
Report
2024-25**



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A message from our Chairman

My first year as chairman for the 22nd has been different from what I might have expected. There have been many changes to leadership structures and ways of working within the Scout Association (Not that you would probably have realised as we have tried to keep it very much 'business as usual' with our young people!). Our amazing leadership team have all been given new 'job titles' and a new database system to record everything they do! (Hopefully one day, it will work as it should!) To complement our trustee board, we have also set up two separate teams – an Events Team who will be responsible for events and fundraising and our HQ Team who will look at maintenance, health and safety and the development of the re-build at the rear of the HQ. We are always looking for additional members for these teams so if you would like to make a difference, then let Graham or I know!

As this goes to print the plans have gone out to tender and, hopefully very soon we will have the quotes so that we will be able to start making big plans to raise the large amount of money needed to make this happen! If you have any contacts or ideas, then please get in touch!

The sections within the Group continue to grow, thanks to our fantastic leadership team, headed up by Graham Fairclough. Having been in charge of a section I know how hard these people work to make this happen in order to give our young people fun and enjoyable times whilst Scouting.

I know that there are many of you that say they don't have time to commit to helping each week but if you feel you could offer something to help the Group in any way, however small then please speak to Graham or me to offer what you can.

I would like to finish by thanking all the trustees, leaders, helpers, and young people for making this one of the best groups in the country, and hope that with your support we can continue to grow even further!

Thank you.

Tim Kerridge
Group Chairman

Did you know that all our Team members are volunteers? Our only pay is your thanks and respect (so thanks for being nice).

Group Report 2024-25

Welcome to the Group Report – I will do my best not to mention events that have happened with the individual sections, as I am sure that they will comment on them in their individual reports, but please forgive me if I do! As a Group, we have had a great year with all of our young people having the opportunity to attend residential events as well as all of the engaging activities during their section meetings.

The year started off with the annual St Georges Day parade where we had a good turnout but, hopefully we will have an even better attendance for the 2025 parade as it is the responsibility of the 22nd Wimbledon to lead the service at Edge Hill - you will need to wait for next years' report to see how we got on!

Our Group family picnic and AGM in May went well with more families and friends of the Group coming along to enjoy the sunny weather and the 65' inflatable assault course – highly recommended for the young (and not so young!)

In December, Alan Maloney was presented with the Brian Whalebone Unsung Hero Award for all his help running the District Uniform Store. Ensuring that members of the district could easily purchase uniform (and at a slightly cheaper price too!) – well done Alan and thankyou from the Group for helping us with our uniform requests!

We finished off the year with all sections from Beavers to Explorers coming together at Sutton Trampoline Park for an evening of fun, enjoying the many facilities that they have to offer. At the end of the evening, our District Lead Volunteer, Michelle Baker presented Peter Brown with a Chief Scout Commendation award for his services to Scouting and Keith Elston with his 25-year long service award – congratulations to you both!

Our visit to the panto at Wimbledon Theatre to see Jack and the Beanstalk was another success. With a record 434 seats purchased for members and friends of the Group. Date for your diary – Thursday 18th December 2025 7pm – 450 seats reserved to see Robin Hood – further details will be announced soon if you'd like to join us this year!

For the second year running, the 22nd Wimbledon remains the largest Group in the District with 156 members – a combination of youth and adult members from Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. Whilst our number of young people has reduced by three, we have recruited three new adult members this year to join in the fun that Scouting offers!

We have been joined by Liz Wingrove in the Beaver Section and in the Scout Troop, we have two new team members, Javan Mattei and Sofia Oliviera. On behalf of the 22nd Wimbledon I would like to thank you for offering to help and to welcome you to the 22nd Wimbledon family!

During February half term, I was once again happy to be performing with other members of the Group and others from the County in the Scout and Guide Gang Show – thankyou to everyone who came to watch the show and well done to Izzy – our newest member of the cast from the pack! Hopefully, there will be more budding performers joining us next year – I will email out the details when they are available. At the end of the show on the Thursday night our County Lead Volunteer, Owen Purcell, presented our Group Chair, Tim Kerridge with his Silver Wolf award. This is the highest award that can be presented to an adult member for their dedication and service to Scouting. This award was well deserved given Tim's 40-year service as an adult and 50 since he first became a Cub! Huge congratulations from the Group – well done Tim!

For me, the year was finished off on a high with our Spring HQ clear up day. We haven't run this for a few years now, but were blown away with the number of Leaders and families who agreed to come along and undertake many different jobs in and around the HQ from painting, cleaning the kitchen and windows, digging and planting and reclaiming some of the sides to the field by planting new grass seed. Thanks also to Ann Fellowes who came to cook sausages in rolls for us to keep us going. This showed me why I enjoy being a part of the 22nd Wimbledon – everyone coming together to help out and achieve a goal. At the end of the day, leaders from other Groups who were being trained on the County mobile climbing wall commented on how amazing it was to see the support that we had from the families. A huge thankyou to everyone who supported the day and to those who couldn't make it but have offered their services at another time!

We should also remember former members of the Group who have passed away this past year – Muriel Brownless who was with the Tuesday Cub Pack between 1971 – 1981, Joan Conrad who was the Group Secretary from 1981 –

1997, David Savory who maintained the hall floor for many years and Colin Hingston who helped with the Thursday Cub Pack between 1972-1977. Our thoughts are with their friends and families.

Anyway, that's enough of my ramblings, but I could not finish this report without a few thank-yous. First and foremost, to the group of fabulous volunteers that we have in our sections who come down week in week out to run the best meetings for our young people. And who give up their weekends to help with other activities and residential events. Thankyou also to their families for allowing them to 'come out and play!' Secondly, to our Trustee Board who ensure that the Group is working within the constitution and policies of The Scout Association. I would also like to thank Joan Pearson who does a wonderful job of co-ordinating our hall bookings to ensure that we maximise the income that the hall generates and to Andrew Pearson for looking after the garages to ensure that they are all in use and also generating money for the Group.

Lastly, a mention to the leaders in the Group who have additional roles within the District and County to support the adult volunteers and sections. Alison Edwards, Volunteering Development and County Training Teams; Dominic Moore, District Beaver Team Leader; Tim Kerridge, County Programme Team (Archery) and Veronica Kerridge, Training Team Member. Thank you for the additional time that you give up to help others.

Graham Fairclough **Group Lead Volunteer**



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Beaver Colony Report

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Beaver Colony Report

As I sit down to write this, I can't help but think—wow, what a year it's been!

The Beavers have had an incredible scouting year, from three fun-packed Beaver Camps to paddleboarding on the river, tackling challenges, earning badges, and making plenty of unforgettable memories along the way. So, grab a cup of tea (maybe a biscuit too), and let's dive into the amazing year we've had...!

Each week, the Beavers have been up to something exciting. Whether they were learning new skills, braving the unpredictable weather, or simply having a great time with their friends, they've embraced it all with energy and enthusiasm.

We kicked off the Summer Term with a focus on outdoor skills. The Beavers drew maps, tried their hand at compass navigation, and explored the local park like true adventurers. In preparation for our District Beaver camp, they got hands-on with tent pitching, fire lighting, and cooking over an open fire. This camp was the big one - the Beavers' first proper outdoor camp of the year! Tents were pitched, sleeping bags unrolled, and the adventure began. They tackled an inflatable obstacle course, had a go at soft archery and tomahawk throwing, and got creative in a hat-decorating contest. For some of the Beavers, it was their first time sleeping outside in tents which was a huge achievement for them. The leaders were very impressed: first asleep and last awake!

Towards the end of term came the water fun! Ahead of our paddleboarding evenings, we talked about water safety and how to stay safe around water. With the hot weather, we enjoyed water games out on the field, followed by two weeks of paddleboarding at Ravensbury Park. It was our first time trying it, and all the Beavers had a brilliant time - despite the rain in the first week and sunshine in the second!

After the summer break, the Beavers took on the Global Issues badge, learning about water filtration, fair trade, and endangered animals.

In October, several members of the Colony took part in the District Campfire at Frylands Wood. The Beavers had a great time singing songs, and munching on hot dogs... there's nothing like doing that in the rain! But our Beavers didn't let a little downpour dampen their spirits—they sang even louder and laughed even harder (possibly at Tic Tac's rendition of Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes!)

As creativity was in full swing, they built impressive structures for their Builder badge. We ended the term with a spooky Halloween Night, a fantastic Fireworks Evening, and a Christmas Party - complete with Christmas jumpers, of course! We also joined the rest of the Group for our annual outing to Sutton Trampoline Park.

Then came our Spring Term - the perfect time to become scientists! The Beavers worked on their Experiment badge, trying out some weird and wonderful hands-on experiments. They also soared into the world of Air Activities, learning about planes and flight.

Beaver Colony Report (cont)

In February, over half of the Beavers joined more than 100 Beavers from the District for an afternoon of laser tag at Campaign in Cobham. After getting kitted out in their camouflage attire, They all had a great time running around the woods trying not to get 'hit' and looking out for their opponents.

Later in the term, they headed into the kitchen to eat pancakes, cooked on an open fire, and earned their Cook badge.

In March, we help our indoor Beaver camp based at the HQ. After dropping our bags off, we headed to the station to get the train into London. Once there we explored a real-life warship - The Beavers had a blast climbing through the decks of HMS Belfast, imagining life at sea, before hopping on the Thames Clipper for a river cruise. (The Leaders still aren't sure how, but we somehow bumped into the 2nd Morden Beavers on the Clipper—despite heading in opposite directions! Do not worry, we all ended up at the right place.) We then headed back to the HQ for dinner and a film before settling down in the pop up tents inside the hall for a well-needed rest!

The term ended with a classic: an Easter Egg Hunt around HQ—because who doesn't love chocolate?

It's been a whirlwind year, and the Beavers have gained so much - from teamwork and resilience to scientific know-how. They've tried new things, made new friends, and taken on every challenge with a smile.

And the fun isn't stopping anytime soon! With two more Beaver camps on the horizon and a jam-packed programme of activities ahead, there is plenty more adventure to come. But you will need to tune in next year to hear all about this!

A huge thank you to our amazing leaders and young leaders for making this year so unforgettable.

Dominic Moore **Beaver Section Team Leader**





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Cub Pack Report**

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Cub Pack Report

We started off the year by attending the District St Georges Day parade with other members from the District in Wimbledon Village with a reasonable turnout from the Cubs – in 2025 we will be leading the parade, so hopefully we will get an amazing turnout then!

We finished off the Fire Safety badge which we started before the Easter Holidays when we visited the New Malden Fire Station by having fire drills, talking about the importance of smoke detectors and safety around campfires and fireworks.

We hosted a 'bring your parents' Trading Post night where a parent was encouraged to come along with their Cub. Each team was given a list of tasks that could be completed and a list of the items that the Trading Post sells. Teams started off with 100 Byron Pounds and were set off to see which team could earn the most amount of money... needless to say there was some 'friendly competition'... and not just from the Cubs!!

In May, we took part in the District Sports Day at the David Weir Centre in Sutton. We managed to field a full team and by the end of the day, with lots of medals around our necks, we won the Cub Event, Cub Tug of War, Cub Relay and Group Relay – not a bad haul for a day's work – congratulations to all who took part and to the spectators who came to show their support.

When we returned after half term, we focussed on the upcoming Outdoor Camp by pitching the tents to firstly check that they were complete and so that they could practice putting them up – a skill that they would need on camp!

Led by Rikki, we took 33 Cubs to Walton Firs campsite in Cobham over what turned out to be a very wet camp at times! Fortunately, we also had the building to shelter in if needed! Over the course of the weekend, the Cubs completed their Naturalist Badge and had a go at caving, buggy build, and the adventure course.... some of the Cubs had been to Beaver camp at Walton firs when they are used to a dry course.... Not when we use it!! We like to make it more of a challenge by adding lots of water to make it very muddy! (Don't worry, parents were warned beforehand to pack old clothes for this!) Most Cubs took the challenge in their stride and challenged their washing machines when the clothes got home!

In June, we were visited by several birds of prey and their handlers for an informative talk about the different birds and were able to come up close to them to see them. We also split into small teams and went litter picking around the streets and park in Motspur Park to see how much litter we could collect. The Cubs were surprised just how much we all managed to collect in about 40 minutes. Thank you to the parents who came to help us on the night.

We entered three teams into the Cub Football competition. Unfortunately, this year wasn't our time to win and were knocked out in the finals. **But** came a respectful second place. Well done to all 3 teams with a special mention to our 'girls' team who prefer to play together rather than with the boys (and they were the only girls in the competition 😊) Everyone played really well together and showed good sportsmanship throughout. Thanks to Kaa and Shere Khan for giving up their time to practice with the Cubs leading up to the event and on the day itself. Thanks also to the parents and family members who came to cheer on the teams.

We ended the term with a water fight on probably one of the coldest Mondays in July! This didn't let the Cubs spoil the evening though as they all enjoyed getting each other (and the Leaders) wet before getting changed and enjoying a warming ice cream. Before we said goodbye to the Cubs moving up to Scouts in September.

Cub Pack Report (cont)

Raksha's Pack Holiday report 2024

So once again, for what I think is my 25th or 26th time dear readers, I am putting digit to keypad to tell you of our exciting summer adventures with the Cub Pack.

This year our Pack Holiday expedition took us to the far-flung lands of Essex. A first for the Pack. As we had never troubled the good people of Essex with the phenomenon of 'Ducks on Tour,' also known as the 22nd Wimbledon Cub Pack Holiday. Our travels took us to an activity centre called Skreens Park. About six miles west of Chelmsford. A bright, sunny, Sunday morning greeted us for our departure. Minibuses had been borrowed from King's College school and a van hired to transport everything we seem to need to take on a 6-day trip. Food, games equipment, some tents and err a table football set. I am not sure that when Baden Powell thought up this Scouting malarkey, he had in mind that small children would be entertained by table tennis, and pool. But times change and so do we!

We set off for a scenic trip round the M25 with its delightful southern section roadworks (so called carriage improvements apparently) and headed for the Dartford tunnel. Once through the tunnel we arrived in Essex and then on to the very rural Skreens Park. Having parked the minibuses and van, we ate lunch and unpacked. I think the van was secretly a TARDIS. The building was huge. A kitchen you could hold a dance in and separate dining hall. Lovely! Our activities commenced with some paddleboarding on the site lake and archery. We had 'Chicken n Crisps' for dinner. This, dear reader is a strange concoction of chicken coated in crisps and cheese. Recipe available if required. Plus, deconstructed Eton mess. (fruit, cream, and meringues) for pudding. Having fed, watered and entertained the Pack it was then bedtime. It is accurate to say bedtime is a concept which some Cubs struggled with. But finally, we got them to sleep. A little before midnight in some cases.

The next morning – more on-site activities, archery, and kayaking... and a trip to see the Essex and Herts air ambulance at North Weald. We had a good time. But sadly, the actual air ambulance wasn't around for our visit (I think it had heard about us!). However, we were entertained by the very brave doctors and paramedics who played new games like 'how many Cubs can you fit in an ambulance car?' And demonstrated CPR with a very realistic mannequin. However, we also debuted our lovely Pack holiday attire. Bright pink t shirts and yellow duck bucket hats! Quite a combination. A dinner of lasagne and macaroni cheese was followed by ice cream and sauces and more games of table and actual football!!

Tuesday was 'double birthday' day. Jamie Wingrove and Bagheera were both celebrating their birthdays on camp. Candles were placed in pancakes and songs sung before we headed off for Colchester Zoo. It was a very warm day and quite a long trip. But once again the delightful combination of pink and yellow made it much easier to find straggler Cubs whilst we were going round the zoo. Some of the animals had clearly taken the day off. Including the Red River hog that Saffron and I went to find after lunch. Sorry Saffron! However, we found lots of other animals who had stuck around. Including many species of monkeys! So many species of monkeys! I think we brought the right monkeys back with us. You can never be too sure. All enthusiastically consumed dinner of fish fingers and mashed potato. After which Rikki and I sought out a supermarket to get more supplies of food for the next few days! Because those Cubs can eat!

Wednesday was spent doing a high ropes course at a county park plus swimming at Blackwater leisure centre. All the Cubs (and some leaders) conquered their fear of heights and were most impressive with their aerial antics. I am afraid high ropes are not for me. So, I took the option to observe from a safe vantage point with a nice cup of tea. This was followed by the traditional curry and rice for tea. And for those not partial to Indian food, plain chicken with rice, naan bread and papadums! Well, why not.

Thursday was our final full day and, as is tradition we went to a theme park. Sadly, the weather was rather mixed and very windy. But we headed to Southend-On-Sea in high winds to take on roller coasters and fairground rides. I do like a roller coaster but in a high wind overlooking the North Sea... perhaps less so. But most of the Cubs indulged their adrenalin fix and took to the various rides like err ducks to water. We finished this off with the also equally traditional 'dinner in a carvery.' I am not too sure the staff quite knew what had hit them. Nor I think has so much fizzy drink been consumed by 23 Cubs in such a short space of time. An on-demand drinks tap being much appreciated. I am pleased to say they were all well behaved. And it was nice to have a dinner we didn't have to cook or wash up. Perfect!

After a fun week we then packed everything up again on Friday. Cleaned the building to within an inch of its life. And again, as tends to be the case left the kitchen much cleaner than we found it. That too is a 22nd Wimbledon tradition. We journeyed

Cub Pack Report (cont)

home to smiling faced parents. Glad to see their offspring and accepting of the washing that accompanied them. I hope they all had a lovely time. So, with thanks to Andrew Churchill for driving the van and the awesome leader team of Akela, Bagheera, Rikki, Baloo, Tic Tac and Tim we shall look forward to next year's adventures. This time Hampshire calls us back. Lyons Copse. Another year. A different coloured t shirt. More chocolate spread and jam sandwiches. Can't wait.

We returned in the Autumn term to look at the Disability Awareness badge by learning about different types of disabilities and games that were played at the Paralympics. The Cubs learnt to finger spell, how to write their name in Braille and how difficult it is to do everyday tasks without various limbs e.g. Making a sandwich with only one arm and colouring with only your feet!

We entered two teams into the District Swimming Gala which hasn't been run for many years. Although we didn't come away with any trophies, the Cubs all swam really well and had a lot of fun. Thank you to Raksha, Baloo and Mowgli for running the teams and to all those who came to support us.

We took the Pack to Laser quest in Hook for the evening and all had a great time – I must say that we have some Cubs with great tactics and some good shots!

We took 26 Cubs to take part in the District Cub Paintballing Day at Campaign. Fortunately, the number of bruises was quite low, and everyone had a fantastic day out and look forward to taking part again next year!

For Remembrance Day, the Cubs made poppies using the ends of plastic bottles which were proudly displayed outside the HQ for everyone to see – we had a number of comments saying just how good they looked, so well-done Cubs!

We then embarked on our Chef Badge. This started with looking at safety in the kitchen, different types of food groups, methods of cooking and where food should be stored in the fridge. In their sixes, they then had to decide on a one course meal that they would then cook, serve, and eat (and importantly, wash-up afterwards!) There were a number of great meals cooked ranging from curries to scrambled eggs on toast! A huge thankyou to the parents who came down to supervise groups to ensure that everyone stayed safe!

We also made Christmas butter biscuits and decorated them with icing and various toppings with a competition to decide on the best decorated biscuits – well done to Olivia and Tayson!

We finished off the term by making some Fimo Christmas Tree decorations, the Group outing to the trampoline park and a Christmas party with lots of traditional games!

The New Year saw the Cubs doing some problem solving with them needing to make a contraption from junk to protect an egg when dropped from the top of a ladder! As expected, there were mixed results, but most eggs remained intact – well done Cubs!

We entered three teams into the District Cub Chess Competition in January. They all played really well, and one team came second, just short of winning 1st place! Congratulations to everyone who took part and to the parents who stayed to help to judge the games. A special thankyou to Liz Wingrove who stood in to manage our teams on the day as the leadership team were busy at other events.

We have been working on our Entertainers Badge in a number of different ways this term. Firstly, the Cubs made wooden spoon puppets which they needed to use to make a short play to show to the rest of the Cub Pack. We also held an indoor campfire, for which the Cubs needed to come up with a song or sketch to lead the rest of the Pack.

Cub Pack Report (cont)

In February, 60 members of the Group went to the Malden Centre for the annual 'Wobstacle' which is organised by another Group in Royal Kingston District. This is always a popular event, and we get to enjoy an hour on the two different floating obstacle courses!

After half term, Ikki organised an escape room for the Cubs in which they needed to work out various clues to release the padlock to get sweets! They also had another challenge to build the highest free-standing tower that they could out of Lego with some quite impressive results!

We also held our annual Pancake night. In their sixes, they made their own batter mix and cooked their pancakes before adding their toppings – a mixture of sauces, other goodies and, of course fruit! Thank you to those parents who came to help supervise the young people.

The Cubs had requested a reptile evening, so we did just that! We were visited by a host of reptiles including snakes, snails, and geckos! During the evening, the Cubs learnt various facts about the animals before being allowed to handle them!

The end of term was finished off with our Indoor Camp. This year we returned to Broadstone Warren – a site that we haven't used for a number of years. We were blessed with glorious sunshine all weekend and the Cubs had a go at Crate Stacking, Gauntlet, Aero ball, Tunnelling, an Easter Egg/Orienteering trail, and some Easter Craft. Unfortunately for us, the weekend also clashed with the clocks going forward, so this was planned into the programme! Thank you to Raksha for organising the weekend.

So, there we have it, another quiet year in the life of the Cub Pack. None of these amazing adventures would have been possible without the help and dedication of our Leadership Team who give up their time for weekly meetings and weekend events. I would therefore like to say a special thankyou to each and every one of them. I would also like to thank the other leaders from the Group who have helped the Pack for events and camps – your help too has been much appreciated.

Finally, thank you to the Cubs and their families for all their support throughout the year and we hope that this will continue over the coming year too!

Graham Fairclough Cub Section Team Leader





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Scout Troop Report

What a year it has been!

We start our troop annual report in April where we dodged the April showers and tried to get outside for games and other antics on the field, but due to the weather we were resigned to staying indoors. So we turned it into an evening of Newspaper fashion that you can “Read All About [it!]” here... Labelled as: Designer clothing ahead of “The Times”; Stuff that wouldn’t look out of place on the “Metro”; and before we were stopped by the fashion police for wearing “Daily [Chain]Mail” we had an epic paper fight to end our evening.

We smartened ourselves up in time for the St Georges Day Parade. Some of us were looking rather sweet, but only because of the glazed doughnuts... Mmm... deliciously sugary... can be messy... and as we all know, you shouldn’t parade on an empty stomach.

Kicking things up a notch, we had an evening of martial arts led by the team from Extreme TaeKwon-Do. No leaders were harmed during the course of the evening... although we’re not sure if the instructors were really trying!

For those still able to walk, we moved on to Sports Day. To which we owe our sporting representatives a huge well done for coming in second place for the entire Scout event. Individually, and as a team our athletes were brilliant and really gave it their all.

The Scouts got to demonstrate what they knew, learn something new, or refresh their memories on what they had forgotten, at the District Skills Day. Ranging from tying knots, pitching tents and first aid, to chopping up firewood with an axe or saw. Or lighting fires with a flint and steel (who knew you could do that in real life as well as Minecraft?!).

An evening of kayaking on Wimbledon Park Lake went down.... swimmingly! Well, for those that capsized! The Scouts enjoyed themselves kayaking across the lake, racing each other, completing challenges in pairs such as paddling whilst standing, or paddling whilst sitting at the very ends of their kayak, and generally splashing each other in some form of kayak-based game of tag. And what better way to finish off the evening than by jumping off the pontoon into the lake...?

A weekend camp at Frylands Wood in July was a wonderful chance for the Scouts to put their knowledge and outdoor skills to the test. They had to erect and camp in tents, cook, and wash up for themselves, and have their own adventures in the surrounding woods making bivouacs, collecting firewood and enjoying the simpler things... like toasting and eating things on a campfire.

At the District Rafting event, we had enough Scouts to have two teams and two sets of equipment to make rafts that “floated” (for the most part) down the Wandle. I use the term loosely, like some of the knots that were supposed to be holding the rafts together! All participants seemed to have a great time building and maintaining their vessels, and it was wonderful to watch them working in their teams.

Throw in some sedan chair racing (not the automotive kind), geocaching, cooking on gas or open fires, and that filled the gaps leading to the end of the summer term. Concluding with a water fight and campfire – complete with s’mores!

September and our Scouts were bored... No, no, no... they’re board! A board games evening with what seemed like half the inventory of Hasbro available to play! Everything from Kerplunk and Tumblin’ Monkeys, to Twister, Frustration, Connect 4, Mousetrap, Battleship... etc, etc. It’s rumoured that somewhere in the HQ, some Scouts are still playing Monopoly. Thankfully, no one made us play 52 card pickup...

Scout Troop Report (cont)

We had our own mini-Olympics during the term, consisting of events such as table tennis, a beanbag relay, soft archery and indoor curling complete with sweepers. We even had the opening and closing ceremony. But we couldn't find anyone to parachute in at such short notice.

Our team of swimmers did us proud at the District Swimming Gala. Although not coming in the placings, they all swam really well despite the ever-changing rules – it was the first time that it had taken place for a while, so hopefully things will improve next year!

Our quiz masters brought home the winner's trophy for the District Quiz. They pitted their wits against some of the finest teams in the district and won! Well done to the team.

Likewise, our budding teams of chefs entered the County Cooking Competition and came home with not one, but three first place awards (one shared with another Troop) for their culinary and comedy efforts.

You occasionally get a few ups and downs in Scouting, but the trip to iFly Basingstoke for an indoor skydiving experience takes that expression to a whole new level. We couldn't tell if they were genuinely happy when floating around in the air-stream – it may have just been the force of the wind on their cheeks that made them smile – but they certainly seemed to be blown away by the end of it... and that was before we went to McDonalds!

To continue in a similar vein, the group trampolining was flipping marvellous! Who'd have thought that bouncing around trying to knock your Scout leaders into the foam pit could be quite so entertaining...?

Add a touch of clowning around with a circus skills evening, an excellent team building egg drop challenge and a couple of pancake poppies (yes, you read that correctly) and paracord poppies for Remembrance Day and that's a recipe that seemed to go down well with the Scouts.

Nearly there...

Spring Term 2025 brought us more triumphs and successes, starting with a third place at the district paintball event. It's a good thing we weren't in charge of the scoring, or we would've come last due to incidents of friendly fire... Don't wander around the game zone with a camera... sure, you're taking great shots, but so are they, and theirs hurt more!

Keeping with the fast-moving projectiles and adding some pioneering, the Scouts spent an evening building catapults with garden canes and rubber bands whilst our young leaders were perfecting a trebuchet. Unfortunately, they weren't powerful enough to knock down the back rooms to make space for our ever-expanding trophy room, but they could launch a ping pong ball a fair distance.

An afternoon attempting to beat the Wobstacle meant that once again, our Scouts were trying to run on water and defy gravity (sounds like the story line from a couple of films...) whilst trying to stay on a giant inflatable across a swimming pool. Needless to say, they dived right into the activity – headfirst, feet first and sideways!

Two adventurous teams braved, what turned out to be, a very chilly County Night Exercise in and around Bentley Copse campsite at the beginning of February. Both teams did a fantastic job of making it around the course, visiting every checkpoint to complete the different tasks and activities, and doing all of this with a torch, map, and compass... and a reasonable quantity of sweets! They will all attest that they didn't get lost once... twice or three times maybe, but not once!

We had cries of "My boomerang won't come back!" during one of our evenings... and it wasn't because they hadn't thrown them... Turns out they don't return if they land on the roof, or over the fence, or get stuck in a tree. How bizarre!?!

Scout Troop Report (cont)

Two teams of football mad Scouts took on over 10 other teams from the district in a 5-a-side competition, resulting in another fabulous result and more silverware. Placed first and third, our Scouts performed spectacularly throughout the competition, and our winning team managed to scrape a win thanks to the honesty of the oppositions' coach, or it would have been down to penalties.

For a two week period, the Troop were in two groups; one group went off to hang out at White Spider – the indoor climbing and bouldering centre in Tolworth – whilst the other busted some street dance moves with our very own JV. Between Scouts zipping up the climbing walls like they were auditioning to be the next Spiderman, to JV teaching them what can only be described as acrobatics, both activities looked exhausting... Fortunately, the Scouts found them to be exhilarating!

Sprinkle in some pancakes shaped like Ordnance Survey map symbols, and a few navigation based games; add a couple of weeks of poster and canvas sketches and drawings, and you have yourself a well-rounded accompaniment to your average Scout programme.

Rounding off the year, around 30 Scouts attended the aptly dubbed "Frost Camp" at Walton Firs in Cobham. A weekend spent in the 5 star* Pembroke Lodge (*please don't check your Scouts reviews on Tripadvisor, their rating may differ...) with several on site activities, was a great way to get away from the hassles of homework and gave the Scouts a chance to:

- Shoot the breeze - if they missed the archery target.
- Hang around – from a harness when the crates they were stacking collapse underneath them.
- Have a nice warm feeling inside – when they eat fresh s'mores.
- And only be over a barrel – when the buggy they helped build, has fallen apart whilst racing down a hill... Perhaps that should be under a barrel, especially if it ran them over!

It was a fantastic weekend, and we hope the Scouts who attended really enjoyed it.

As is often the case, our Scouts decide to grow too old and have to move on to pastures new. Some earn themselves the Chief Scout's Gold Award before leaving, and we would like to congratulate Ella, Amelie, Charlotte, James, Becky, and Grace on achieving the award this year. Some of our older Scouts also return and become Young Leaders.

We have also been fortuitous in welcoming two new Team Members to the Troop, Sof, and JV.

We also wish to congratulate James, Becky, Grace, and Cara on their receipt of The Jack Petchey Award – a scheme which recognises and celebrates the achievements of outstanding young people and allows them to apply for a package of grants to support their activities. It has been used to pay for equipment, subsidise trips, and so on.

We'd like to thank all of our Scouts and our Young Leaders for their contributions, participation, and their enthusiasm for adventure.

All of us in Scouting are volunteers, and none of this could be done without the tireless work that goes on behind the scenes. So, we would like to thank everyone who has been involved with the planning and execution of everything we have achieved this year, and for all the upcoming events.

On behalf of all of us in the Troop, thank you!

Scout Section Leadership Team



Leadership Team

Group Lead Volunteer Graham Fairclough

Beaver Colony

Team Leader	Dominic Moore
Team Member	Elizabeth Maloney
Team Member	Jack Sheffield
Team Member	Josh Fawcett
Team Member	Liz Wingrove
Team Member	Gemma Kerridge
Team Member	Dan Paris
Team Member	Cameron Moore

Byron Cub Pack

Team Leader	Graham Fairclough
Team Member	Alison Edwards
Team Member	Keith Elston
Team Member	Chris Gagen
Team Member	Lizzie Strachan
Team Member	Rob Braun
Team Member	Veronica Kerridge
Team Member	Peter Brown
Team Member	Charlotte Johnston

Scout Troop

Team Leader	Keira Pearson
Team Member	Daniel Shaw
Team Member	Gavin Hayhurst
Team Member	Declan Gleeson
Team Member	Tim Kerridge
Team Member	Oliver Foster
Team Member	Javan Mattei
Team Member	Sofia Oliveira
Team Member	Alice Sheffield

The leadership team as at 31 March 2025.

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Group Information



Scouts

**22nd Wimbledon
Scout Group**

Minutes of the 2024 AGM

22nd Wimbledon Scout Group

Minutes of the AGM of the Group Scout Council held on Sunday 19 May 2024 at 1.45pm

In the Chair, Ann Fellowes

(A full list of attendees is included at Appendix 1)

1 Welcome

In welcoming everyone to the AGM, Ann Fellowes reminded everyone to sign in so that their presence was recorded. She reminded the meeting of the toilet arrangements and the fire safety procedures before pointing out that the meeting was being conducted under the new rules published in Policy Organisation and Rules (POR) in March 2024 by the Scout Association.

2 Apologies for absence

These were received from Dominic Moore, Keira Pearson, Liam Washford-Bent, Gemma Kerridge and Declan Gleeson.

3 Governance Topics

(i) The meeting approved the minutes of the 2023 AGM. Moved by the Chair, seconded by Alison Edwards and approved by a show of hands.

(ii) The meeting approved the adoption of the model Constitution from Chapter 5 of POR. Moved by the Chair, seconded by Keith Elston and approved by a show of hands.

(iii) The meeting noted that the Group financial year ran from 1 April to 31 March.

(iv) It was noted that the new Board of Trustees would wish to keep under review the question of community membership of the Scout Council. Moved by the Chair, seconded by Annie Gleeson and approved by a show of hands.

(v) The meeting agreed that the number of members who shall be appointed to the Board should be 12. Moved by the Chair, seconded by Annie Gleeson and approved by a show of hands.

(vi) The meeting approved the number of members that were required to be present to constitute a Quorum of the Scout Council in the future as 20. Moved by the Chair, seconded by Chane Greenslade and approved by a show of hands.

4 Review of the previous year

(i) The Group Scout Leader, (Graham Fairclough) presented his review. He started by referring to the Annual Report which he hoped everyone had been able to read as it demonstrated how busy the Group had been during the last year. The report can be found on the Group website. He said he was very proud of each of the Sections who had made the Group the largest in the District for youth and adult membership, which was also a testament to the hard work that our leaders put into running their sections and also to those who are involved in helping out both at District and County level. He particularly wanted to express his thanks to Declan, Dan and Gavin who have all taken on the role of ASL and are doing a brilliant job running the Troop whilst Keira is away at university.

Turning to the future he said that the Group had embarked on a major project of rebuilding the back of the HQ which will include adapting the space to accommodate our camping equipment and the replacement of the two back rooms which have recently been inspected for damp. Unfortunately, it was discovered that whilst the foundations were solid, the walls, which are now over 50 years old, were in a sorry state of repair. The Board has recently appointed the principal designers to commence the project. At this stage the rough estimated cost of this project is expected to be around £200,000. The Group will be looking for ways to fund these costs from grants and other means. He concluded by asking the Council if it knew of any businesses or sources of funding that we could approach then please let him know.

The Chair asked the Council if they had any questions to ask Graham. There being none, the Chair thanked Graham and moved to the next item.

Minutes of the 2024 AGM (cont)

(ii) The Chair indicated that she had nothing to add to her comments at the beginning of the written report. There were no questions asked by the Council and the meeting moved on to the next item.

(iii) Andrew Pearson (Treasurer) presented the report containing all the details of the accounts for the year 2023/2024 which had been circulated in the annual report. He spoke about the costs of the back-room project, noted that hall and garage rentals were remaining strong and the discussions he was having with the electricity suppliers. There were no questions from the floor but several members called for a vote of thanks to the Treasurer for his work on the accounts and garage rentals and to Joan Pearson for her work on the hall rentals. These thanks were approved by the Council

5. Making Appointments

Before moving on the Chair suggested that the GSL take the Chair for this item. Agreed.

The GSL said that we had advertised the vacancies for new Trustees quite widely throughout the Group, with a closing date for indications of interest to be submitted by no later than 12 May to enable the Board to take a view. But first:

(i) **Appointment of independent examiner** On behalf of the Board the Treasurer (Andrew Pearson) proposed that Derek Holmes be appointed. By a show of hands this was agreed.

(ii) **Appointment of Group Chair** The Board recommended that Tim Kerridge becomes Chair. Agreed by a show of hands.

(iii) **Appointment of Treasurer** The Board recommended that Andrew Pearson becomes Treasurer. Agreed by a show of hands.

(iv) **Appoint members of the Trustee Board** 11 letters of interest had been received, The GSL is automatically a Trustee and the Chair and Treasurer are Trustees. The Board recommended that Dominic Beecheno, Mark Cheetham, John Crighton, Suzanne Davis, Alison Edwards, Ann Fellowes, Annie Gleeson and Alan Maloney become Trustees. (This leaves one space to be filled in due course). Agreed by a show of hands.

Ann Fellowes resumed the Chair at this point of the meeting.

6 Other business

Presentations

Graham Fairclough presented Cub Scouts; Felix Walker, Leo McKinnon and Mason Kay with the Chief Scouts Silver Award.

Tim Kerridge presented Scouts Ella Curtis and Juliana Teidt with the Chief Scouts Gold Award.

Alison Edwards presented Hannah Johnston with the Young Leader award. She also announced that Lily Pusey had received the same award in recent times.

(i) Votes of Thanks

Graham Fairclough drew attention to the fact that Rory Travers-Drapes had served on the Group Executive for the past four years but had decided to step down this year. In expressing our thanks for his contribution, he was presented with a Group Thanks Badge.

Graham also proposed a vote of thanks to leaders Dominic Moore, Keira Pearson, Alison Edwards and Liam Washford Bent for their contribution to the work of the Executive Committee and Trustee Board whilst they served on it to represent their sections which is no longer required under the new rules.

Graham then said that Ann Fellowes had been our chairman for the past 11 years and had decided to stand down this year. He remarked that during those years she will have seen many changes to the buildings and even more changes to the people involved at Group and Section level. During our fundraising activities she was inevitably found flipping a few burgers! He was pleased to say he was delighted she will remain on the Trustee Board. He then presented her with a small gift from the Group.

Minutes of the 2024 AGM (cont)

On behalf of the Group, Graham would like to send best wishes to Declan Gleeson who was unable to join us that afternoon as he was in hospital awaiting surgery. We wished him a speedy recovery.

In conclusion, he congratulated the Cub and Scout Sections on their performances at the District Sports Day the previous day and bringing home a lot of silverware!

(ii) Our new Chairman

Tim Kerridge was invited by the outgoing Chair to say a few words. In introducing himself, he remarked that he had been a member of the 22nd since 1975 when he joined as a Cub. As an adult, he spent many years working with the Cub Section and then with the Scout Section. In recent years, he has held the post of Assistant District Commissioner (Scouts) but now he has decided to face fresh challenges at the 22nd - Welcome home Tim!

(iii) Derek Webb

Derek introduced himself to the meeting. He, along with his brother were former members of the Group. Sadly, his brother had passed away but he had a collection of mint Scout themed stamps from around the world and Derek said it was his brother's wish that they be given to the 22nd Wimbledon. Having heard that the Group was needing to replace the back rooms at the HQ he offered to take them to Stanley Gibbons for valuation. He undertook to keep in touch with the new Chairman as this process took place. The Chair expressed the thanks of the Group for this generous gift.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 2.20pm

Appendix 1

Attendees at the AGM of the Scout Council 2024

Group Trustees

Ann Fellowes, Alan Maloney, Andrew Pearson, Mark Cheetham, Dominic Beecheno, Rory Travers-Drapes, John Crighton, Annie Gleeson.

Leaders, Section Assistants

*Graham Fairclough, *Alison Edwards, Elizabeth Maloney, Veronica Kerridge, Charlotte Johnston, Dan Fellowes, Gavin Hayhurst, Lizzie Strachan, Keith Elston, Tim Kerridge. * also Trustees

Explorer Scouts, Young Leaders

Hannah Johnston, Lily Pusey, Alfie Yuill, Naomi O'Brien, Samuel Strachan.

Parents, Friends and Group supporters

Andrew Johnston, Rhodri Cave, Ana Romero, James Cornelius, Kris Kirkham, Fiona Perella-Henry, Francois Capgras, Alistair McKinnon, Gemma Connolly, Maria Tinker, Sally Pusey, Nicola Grant, Iluska Beaton, Sonia Agriao-Tiedt, Kathryn Curtis, Chris Flack, Simon Kay, Morag Kay, Joan Pearson, Derek Webb, Gemma Hotchkiss, Abby Taylor, Chane Greenslade, Sofia Oliveira, Mel Giltrow, Nick Rowley, Sharma Stanton, Brett Walker, Irene Custodio, Sandy Timbrell.

Trustees

Trustees Ex Officio :

Group Chairman	Tim Kerridge
Group Treasurer	Andrew Pearson
Group Scout Leader	Graham Fairclough

Trustees: Elected:

Alan Maloney
Ann Fellowes
Annie Gleeson
Mark Cheetham
Suzanne Davis
John Crighton
Alison Edwards
Jasmin Kirkham



Bankers: Lloyds TSB Plc, London Road, East Grinstead. RH19 1AH

Custodian Trustee: The Scout Trust Corporation Ltd

Independent Examiner: Derek Holmes

Scout Association Registration No.: 6076

Charity Registration Number: 303795

The Group is a Trust established under its rules which are common to all Groups. Trustees are appointed in accordance with Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The accounts have been drawn up on a receipts and payments basis.

Contact: Alan Maloney, 5 Aragon Road, Morden. Surrey. SM4 4QF Tel: 0208 337 5364.

Signed on behalf of the Executive Committee:

Tim Fellowes, Chairman

Andrew Pearson, Treasurer

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Group Finances



Scouts

22nd Wimbledon
Scout Group

Group Assets

	2024/25 £	2023/24 £
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Lloyds Bank Current Account	15866	8356
Lloyds 3 Month Fixed	174243	170032
Lloyds Bank Deposit Account	37618	22356
Lloyds Deposit Account	13465	13316
Treasurer cash in hand	1875	3012
Sub Total	<u>243065</u>	<u>217072</u>
Beavers Bank Account	2207	1794
Byron Pack Bank Account	7406	5726
Scout Troop Bank Account	3470	4196
Expense Account	98	0
Sub Total	<u>13181</u>	<u>11716</u>
Total	<u>256246</u>	<u>228788</u>
<u>Fixed Assets</u>		
Garages at Cost	50500	50500
Depreciation	<u>-50500</u>	<u>-40000</u>
Net Book Value	0	10500
Total	<u>256426</u>	<u>239288</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Garage Deposits	<u>-465</u>	<u>-375</u>
Total liabilities	-465	375
Total Net Assets	<u>255961</u>	<u>238913</u>

Group Payments

Budget 2025/26	2024/25	2023/24
£	£	£
<u>Grant Payments</u>		
0 Magic (Gazebo)	0	564
0 Groundwork (Stores)	0	368
0 Total	<u>0</u>	<u>932</u>
<u>Headquarters Costs</u>		
750 Water Charges	340	319
7500 Light & Heat	7665	9286
3300 Insurance	3279	3120
3000 Hall Expenses	2214	2315
5000 Hall Maintenance	683	4066
200000 Hall Development	6423	1831
350 AGM	213	312
300 Wi Fi	274	0
2000 OSM/Bank Fees	1601	7
50 Garage Expenses	0	0
<u>222250 Total</u>	<u>22692</u>	<u>21256</u>
5000 Membership Fees	5820	5166
0 Explorers	0	0
<u>5000 Total</u>	<u>5820</u>	<u>5166</u>
<u>Scouting Activities</u>		
10000 Section Activities	4009	8445
20000 Camps and Outings	18373	15221
0 End of Term Trampoline	1650	0
250 Leader Uniform	0	28
<u>30250 Total</u>	<u>24032</u>	<u>23694</u>
<u>Fund Raising expenses</u>		
2000 Firework night	1836	1583
BBQ's	0	159
	<u>1836</u>	<u>1742</u>
3000 Camp/Activity Van Hire	686	1773
500 Miscellaneous(Inc stationery)	278	176
Badges	961	0
300 Uniform	722	592
2000 Equipment	336	769
0 Jack Petchey Award	695	600
<u>5800 Total</u>	<u>3678</u>	<u>2137</u>
<u>263300 Total Payments</u>	<u>58058</u>	<u>56700</u>

Note: Budget includes preliminary back room refurbishment -still to be confirmed

Group Receipts

Budget 2025/26 £		2024/25 £	2023/24 £
10000	Membership Subscriptions	9960	9150
4000	Gift Aid 2024	3059	2821
<u>14000</u>	Total	<u>13019</u>	<u>11971</u>
20000	HQ Rents	21656	17716
15000	Garage Rents	15562	14220
<u>35000</u>	Total	<u>37218</u>	<u>31936</u>
0	Donations	285	165
4500	Bank Interest	4710	4206
<u>4500</u>	Total	<u>4995</u>	<u>4371</u>
22000	Section Camps/Activities	20573	18407
0	End of Term Trampoline	1105	
	Total	<u>21678</u>	<u>18407</u>
	<u>Fund Raising</u>		
5000	Firework Night	5024	5001
0	BBQ's	0	395
0	Groundwork(Stoves)		500
0	BBQ Hire	50	0
0	Magic(Gazebo)	0	500
0	CO OP	500	0
0	Back Room Fund	525	435
0	Just Giving/Amazon	0	68
<u>5000</u>	Total	<u>6099</u>	<u>6899</u>
1000	Uniform Sales	905	914
0	Scout shop	0	202
0	Misc	402	237
0	Jack Petchey Award	1200	600
<u>1000</u>	Total	<u>2507</u>	<u>1953</u>
<u>84000</u>	Total Receipts	<u>85516</u>	<u>75537</u>

Section Accounts

2024-2025

Income

Bank Interest - Cubs	50.93
Events - Beavers	2,925.45
Events - Cubs	11,491.00
Events - Scouts	6,156.00
Membership Fees - Beavers	3,139.41
Membership Fees - Cubs	6,560.00
Membership Fees - Scouts	5,422.58
Uniform - Beavers	102.00
Uniform - Cubs	163.84
Uniform - Scouts	238.11

Expense

Badges - Beavers	308.82
Badges - Cubs	300.00
Badges - Scouts	352.04
Bank Fees - Beavers	190.37
Bank Fees - Cubs	408.49
Bank Fees - Scouts	346.00
Events - Beavers	2,528.25
Events - Cubs	10,562.25
Events - Scouts	5,282.90
Meetings - Beavers	302.12
Meetings - Cubs	2,027.30
Meetings - Scouts	1,679.64
Membership Costs - Beavers	1,860.00
Membership Costs - Cubs	4,200.00
Membership Costs - Scouts	3,900.00
Uniform - Beavers	349.50
Uniform - Scouts	189.00

Account balances

22nd Wim Cub Pack Treasurer	2,782.76
22nd Wim Scout Troop	3,470.37
22nd Wim Cub Pack Savings	4,622.73
Expense Account	97.50
22nd Wim Beaver Colony	2,205.60

Summary

Account balance brought forward	11,716.32
Total income	36,249.32
Total expenditure	34,786.68
Net income	1,462.64
Account balance carried forward	13,178.96

Independent Examiners Report

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 22nd Wimbledon Scout Group Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the **22nd Wimbledon Scout Group** for the year ended 31/03/25

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the **22nd Wimbledon Scout Group** you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the **22nd Wimbledon Scout Group** accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the **22nd Wimbledon Scout Group** as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Derek Holmes

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): F.C.A

Address: 3 Larks Close, Ferndown, Dorset. BH22 9TF

Date: 22/4/2025

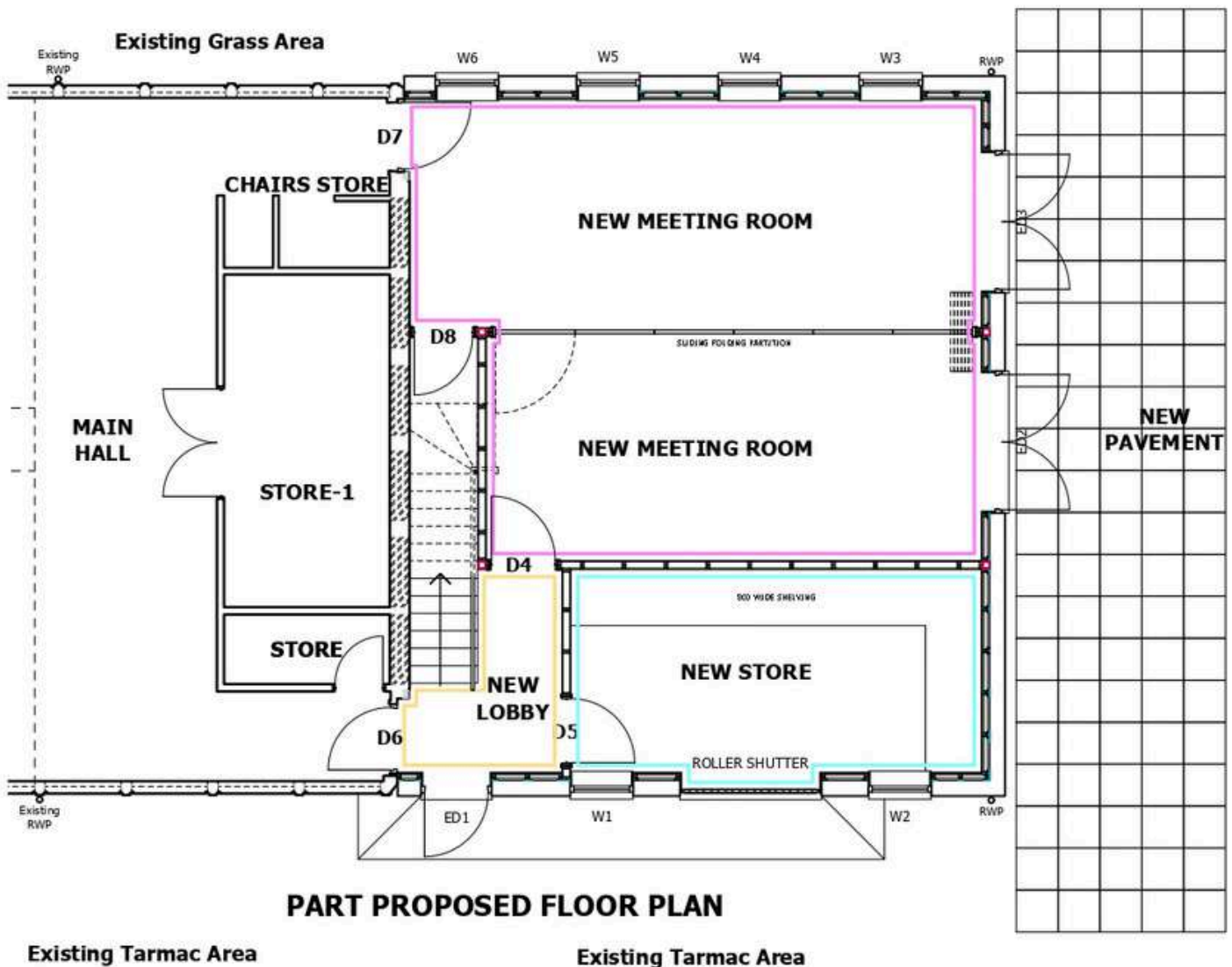
HQ Redevelopment at the 22nd!

Over the next few years, there will be an exciting development at the HQ!

Towards the rear of the building, there is a flat roof extension to the HQ that was built around 50 years ago. Following a survey of suspected damp, it was confirmed that there is damp in the breeze block construction, however the foundations underneath are still solid. The plan is therefore to demolish the existing extension and to rebuild, using the existing footings but to reconfigure the area to give us group store room, 2 meeting rooms with double doors and patio area looking out onto the field with an interconnecting folding partition so that the rooms can be used together. We are also looking to continue the current pitch of the roof to give us additional storage space, accessed by a fixed staircase. At the time of writing, the plans have gone out to tender and we are awaiting on the final cost!

Over the coming months and years, we will be looking for any potential sources of funding i.e. grants, fundraising and even donations! We would be grateful for your support with this in any way that you can!

If you have got any suggestions, then please let us know!



We'd like to say

Thank You!

The 22nd Wimbledon Scout Group wishes to record its thanks to so many people, but, in particular we should acknowledge...

All of our amazing Leadership Teams for everything that they do to keep our Young People enthused and wanting to come back for more, whether that's weekly meetings, camps or activities. Thankyou so much (and also to their families for letting them join in the fun!)

The Group Trustee Board for their continued support throughout the year, especially to Andrew Pearson, Group Treasurer for everything that he does looking after the Group finances, including managing the garage rentals.

Special thanks are also recorded to Joan Pearson (Hall Bookings Manager), Gavin Hayhurst (Webmaster) and Vici Hoban, (Emergency HQ key holder) for their vital work in supporting the Group.

Thanks to Graham Fairclough for everything that he does in and around the HQ to keep it looking it's best... sweeping up leaves, keeping the grass trimmed and for his work with our successful grant applications.

Also to the adults and young people from the Nescot Horticulture Team who have come in and done additional work around our HQ grounds.

Thankyou to Declan Gleeson for all his help and advice with various issues with the HQ, Mark Cheetham for looking after the Health and Safety side of the Group and to and Jasmin Kirkham for helping us to write our Risk Register.

The Wimbledon and Wandle District Team and the GLSW County Support and Training Teams for their advice and support during the year.

Thanks also to Alison Edwards for proof reading the annual report!!

We acknowledge the following companies for their grant donations over the past year, towards various projects... The Jack Petchey Foundation, Tesco's and the Co-Op.

...and finally, to the parents and to the young people themselves who make Scouting so enjoyable!

“Happiness is open to all, since, when you boil it down, it merely consists of contentment with what you have got and doing what you can for other people.”

Robert Baden-Powell

